

PRE-HARVEST GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION

Wednesday, August 19 – 9 AM
The Bindery at Oakland Library – Albany, GA

Welcome Breakfast – 8:30 am
Sponsored by the Georgia Peanut Commission

Welcome from American Peanut Shellers Association and National Peanut Buying Points Association

Outlook from Capitol Hill

Congressman Sanford Bishop – U.S. House of Representatives

Legislative Update from the U.S. Peanut Federation

Jamie Brown, Chair APSA Committee on Government Affairs and Policy
Bob Redding, President, USPF

U.S. Macroeconomic Outlook

Dr. Ellis Heath – Professor of Economics, Valdosta State University

Update on the Peanut Modernization Group

Bryan Lawson, Federal Program Manager – Southwest Territory, Specialty Crops Division,
Federal State Inspection Management Branch

The Latest of Georgia Federal-State Inspection Service

Clay Pirkle, President, GA FSIS

Weather and Climate Variability: What is the Long-Range Forecast and How Do We Factor in Uncertainty?

Dr. Charles E. Konrad, Director of the Southeast Regional Climate Center and Certified Consulting Meteorologist, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Current Happenings at The Peanut Institute

Rachel Santos, Chair and Dr. Samara Sterling, Research & Nutrition Director

The 2026 U.S. Peanut Crop

Kris Balkcom, Extension Specialist, Auburn University Alabama Extension

Awards Presentation

Luncheon to Follow

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